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THE BATTLE CRUISER THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A FLAGSHIP



On Feb. 5 His Majesty King George Inspected H.M.S. New Zealand at Portsmouth. When This Vessel Was Ordered in Britain Under the Agreement of 1909 it Was Intended as Flagship in the China Fleet; Afterwards the Admiralty Persuaded the New Zealand Government to Leave it in "Home Waters," and it Will go Back to the North Sea Fleet After its Trip to New Zealand. It is 18,800 Tons and 25 Knots; it Carries Eight 12-inch Guns. His Majesty is Seen in the Centre with Captain Halsey. Just Behind Him Are Hon. J. Allen, Minister of Defence for New Zealand; Mr. Winston Churchill, and Prince Louis of Battenburg. The Mascot Bull Dog Pup, "Pelorus Jack," is One of the Central Figures. The Nucleus of a New Zealand Naval Force Will be Trained on This Vessel, Because as Mr. Allen, Minister for Defence, Announced at This Event, New Zealand Intends to Have a Home Fleet Ultimately.